

## **Model United Nations Club**

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Dear Parents,

I am very excited to announce that our MUN club has been invited to participate in an MUN simulation in Doha, Qatar next November 15-18! This simulation attracts students from all over the world and is affiliated with THIMUN, The Hague International Model United Nations, which is one of the largest and most prestigious conferences in the world and the oldest conference in Europe. We have gotten permission from our head of school to attend this conference and are all very excited about it!

I will be the person in contact with the conference leaders and organizing this trip with the help of Mr. Robinson, the HIS MUN coordinator. I have done Model United Nations for three years now, and I know that an international conference is also a very rewarding experience, as you not only get to explore a new place, you meet people from all over the world who might not ever come to China and learn to view a place you only ever heard of, in this case part of the Middle East, from a different, first-hand perspective. Furthermore, Qatar is one of the most exciting and progressive countries in the Middle East. The city of Doha hosts campuses for various US universities, and is preparing to host the 2022 World Cup.

Of course, we have some deadlines to meet for this conference. The first of these is May 30<sup>th</sup>, by which time we have to let the conference know for sure whether or not we plan to attend. For this reason, we would like to know as soon as possible, but no later than the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, if you allow your son or daughter to go on this trip. Flights would be around 10 000 RMB, and with the conference's reduced rates a room might come down to 600 RMB per person per night. Also, there will be additional costs such as registration fees and sightseeing. To make the trip as worthwhile as possible, we would like to go the evening of the Sunday before the conference, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and return the following Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, so that our students can see more of Qatar than their forum's room and hotel. Of course, we will try to get the most cost-effective flights and hotels and will be in communication with you as we prepare for this. You can also visit the conference website at [www.thimunqatar.org](http://www.thimunqatar.org)

I really hope you consider letting your son or daughter attend this trip! Besides all the skills and knowledge they would pick up, it will also be one of those things which they will look back on as something memorable from their high school time. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Robinson.

Sincerely,

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